



Preface to PJAHS Volume 8 Issue 1

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This is the initial issue of the eighth volume of the Philippine Journal of Allied Health Sciences (PJAHS). This issue is divided into two sections: a regular section and a special section.

This issue's editorial was written by the Editor-in-Chief, dedicated to the 50th founding anniversary of the University of Santo Tomas – College of Rehabilitation Sciences (UST-CRS), the publisher of PJAHS. The journal extends its gratitude to UST-CRS not only for being part of its golden years, but more so for its continuous support to ensure that PJAHS continues to publish.

The regular section is composed of seven articles. We received a letter to the editor discussing how innovation hubs are situated at the heart of the healthcare ecosystem. Three original articles from different groups report on the education environment of an undergraduate occupational therapy program; development and psychometric testing of a short questionnaire awareness of the availability, perception of health benefits, and intent to purchase pigmented rice; and a narrative review of neuropathic pain in knee osteoarthritis.

Subsequently, we are publishing three research protocols that report on the effectiveness of curcumin in sarcopenia; sleep health of amateur boxing, wushu-sanda, and pencak silat Philippine national teams; and kinesiophobia and self-esteem among collegiate athletes with chronic lower extremity musculoskeletal injuries.

PJAHS supports initiatives to expand the scope of publication science by exploring different article formats. In this issue's special collection, we collaborated with a professor and graduate students of the Master of Science in Occupational

Therapy program of the University of Santo Tomas to publish a letter to the editor introducing us to evidence summaries; and two short reports summarizing evidence on sensory integration for children with autism spectrum disorder, and cognitive behavior therapy in children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. The peer-review was facilitated by the respective course, from which these articles arose from. PJAHS was not involved in the peer-review process of this article. Nevertheless, this article underwent editorial review of PJAHS prior to online publication.